

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th day of March 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

*Second vernacular test for deputy collectors.*

913 Q.—Mr. A. M. AHMAD MIRAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state—

(a) the standard of second vernacular required to be passed by (1) deputy collectors, (2) district munsifs and (3) probationary sub-registrars ;

(b) what is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to probationary sub-registrars in the year 1921–22 for attending the second vernacular test ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that great hardship is experienced by the low-paid probationary sub-registrars in passing the second vernacular test just like deputy collectors and district munsifs and whether they propose to abolish the system in future ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to answer given to clauses (1) and (3) of question No. 916.

(c) The answer is in the negative to both parts of the clause.

*Distinction among certain Government officers regarding peons allowed to them.*

914 Q.—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any distinction drawn between the following officers, or whether they are all ranked as gazetted officers :—

- (1) Deputy Collectors,
- (2) District Registrars,
- (3) Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies,
- (4) Deputy Directors of Agriculture,
- (5) Assistant Directors of Agriculture ;

(b) the number of peons allowed to each of the abovesaid officers ; and

(c) why a distinction is drawn between these officers in the matter of allowing peons ?

A.—(a) All the officers referred to are Gazetted officers.

- (b) Deputy Collectors, Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies and Assistant Directors of Agriculture are ordinarily allowed
- two peons each, District Registrars three peons each and Deputy Directors of Agriculture four peons each.

(c) The number of peons is fixed with reference to the work to be done

